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Mr. Blount to the Front.

Secretary Gresham was entirely right

when he said that the administration

had no more shot in its Hawaiian

locker, or words to that effect. There

is no vital thing in Mr. Blount's report

that was not given in substance in the

note of the secretary of state to the

President.

The most prominent feature of Mr.

Blount's report is his evident intent to

discredit as much as his ingenuity

would enable him to discredit the Har-

ri-son administration in general and

Minister Stevens in particular.

An eye-witness to nothing he tells

about the Hawaiian situation for every-

body he could find to support the case

he was there to make out. He found

royalists and haters of the United States.

But this was not enough. The evidence

was not strong enough for his purpose,

and he has sought to reinforce it by his

own able comments. As a colorist Mr.

Blount is entitled to high rank.

He lays great stress on the reluctance

with which the queen and the rest of

them let go. This is easy to believe,

and it has absolutely nothing to do with

the case. George III was reluctant to

let the thirteen colonies go, but they

put him up a pretty fight and got away.

This would hardly be regarded now as

a good reason for restoring the United

States of America to the British crown.

The long and short of it is that Mr.

Blount went out to make a case for the

administration, and he has done the

best he knew how to satisfy his em-

ployer. He does not change in the

slightest the right attitude of this

country towards the existing govern-

ment of Hawaii. He does not give a

single good reason for restoring the

monarchy and the queen.

The Hawaiian Royalty Accident In-

surance Company, Grover Cleveland

president, Walter Q. Gresham sec-

retary. Offices, Washington and Hono-

lulu.

An "Unprotected" Business.

Persons engaged in the theatrical busi-

ness have some idea of the relation of

a tariff to their business. *Sage Echoes*,

which is in touch with these people, in

its latest issue quotes "a well known

theatrical man" as saying: "The Dem-

ocrats got a good swift kick in the re-

cent election, and they deserved it. I'm

a Democrat, but it took all the nerve

I possessed to vote the ticket. I believe

the upheaval of last week will benefit

the theatres."

Democrats who had more nerve voted

the other ticket. This theatrical man

expects the Republican victory to help

business because it is an indication that

the country has not gone over to free

trade. This is a business which gets its

protection indirectly, but gets it none

the less, for when the people are not

prosperous they give the theatres the

cold shoulder.

An actor, by birth and Englishman

but now thoroughly American, said re-

cently to the INTELLIGENCER that a

theatrical man who gives support to

the free trade party in this country

should be sent to an insane asylum to

give him a chance to recover. He

added that without other information

on the subject it is easy to tell from

the box receipts which party is in

power.

What occasion was there for all this

mystery about it, Mr. President? You

can't treat your countrymen this way

without getting into hot water.

Rings and Bosses in Gotham.

A. Oakley Hall writes for the New

York *World* about his mayoralty, which

came along in the Tweed time. What

he says of the old regime is hardly so

interesting as what he says of the new.

Tweed did a good deal to perfect the

Tammany system, but, says ex-Mayor

Hall: "Undoubtedly the greatest per-

fection of boss rule has been reached

under the iron hand of Boss Crocker."

Again, referring to the Tweed time, Mr.

Hall says: "In those days the absolute,

autocratic dictatorial 'boss' had not

developed. Neither Tweed nor Kelly

had the powers of the present Tammany

boss."

It has been thought that there could

be no advance in dictatorial, absolute

boss rule after Tweed and Kelly, but

the rest of us must defer to the supe-

rior and very intimate knowledge of

Mr. Hall, who has easily within his

grasp all the materials for a just com-

parison. The Tammany boss seems to

grow with his opportunities, which is

high praise for any man.

Mr. Hall closes his comparative re-

view by saying that there is much truth

in the remark of a recent writer that

"if the Tweed gang of office-holders

robbed the taxpayers they at least gave

them something substantial in return."

If Boss Croker and his gang do not like

the suggestiveness of this remark they

may make the most of it.

Incidentally Mr. Hall aims a dart at

higher game. When the Tweed ex-

posure came Samuel J. Tilden, "still

smarting under the slight that Tam-

many had inflicted upon him by pre-

fering Hoffman for governor," inspired

the organization of the famous com-

mittee of seventy. This organization made

Mr. Tilden governor and came near

making him President. The comptrol-

ler held an office of great importance.

Its incumbent, Connolly, was in the

steal. Mr. Tilden wished to control the

comptrollership. He discovered that

under the law, in the absence of the

comptroller his deputy could perform

all the duties of the office. The great

reformer arranged with Connolly to ab-

sent himself and escape prosecution.

Mr. Tilden made his faithful friend An-

drew H. Green the deputy comptroller,

and Connolly got away.

Mr. Hall admits that Mr. Tilden de-

nieed the agreement with Connolly, but

insists that the agreement was a fact in

spite of the denial. In support of his

statement Mr. Hall recalls the fact that

Mr. Tilden busied himself to have

Tweed extradited from Spain, with

which we had no treaty under which

his extradition could be compelled, and

never thought of having Connolly ex-

tradited from France, with which we

did have a treaty under which an em-

bazzler could be brought home.

This is not adding new laurels to the

memory of the "great reformer," but it

deals with the history of a very inter-

esting episode in American politics,

and it is worth while to have the real

history. If Mr. Hall has not given it

perhaps somebody else will.

If the New York *Herald* stole the

Blount report it went to a good deal of

useless trouble. It wasn't worth com-

mitting a mild indiscretion to get. On

the other hand it wasn't worth the

gigantic effort of the administration to

keep it dark. It was already known

through the Gresham note that Mr.

Blount had been juggling.

"Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean,"

fits her like the paper on the wall. She

is by odds the fastest thing afloat, and

she is American. Until we beat her

she will be the pride of our growing

American navy. Twenty-five knots an

hour is a hard score to beat. "Three

cheers for the red, white and blue."

A DEMOCRATIC member of the senate

foreign relations committee insists that

Hawaii should be annexed and made

part of California. It might be made a

territory, or it could be given such a

government as the District of Columbia

has.

In two weeks the President will have

once more "Congress on my hands,"

and it may even get on his back and

hold him down on the breadth of his

anatomy. There is a great deal of

power in the Congress of the United

States.

It was said the other day that when

Senator Voorhees was told that the ad-

ministration was relying solely on the

Blount report, he exclaimed with fine

poetic fervor: "Great God! Is that all

they've got?" Voorhees knows Blount.

It is promptly denied that the rebel

Admiral de Mello is going to try his

hand at playing Pedro in Brazil. You

may have any sort of report and denial

you want from that region just now.

By the time John L. Stevens gets

through with "Paramount" Blount that

rash man will be looking for a second-

hand hide to keep the cold out. Mr.

Blount has stirred up the wrong citizen.

"VEGET"—Mr. Blount's name is pro-

nounced with the "o" left out. The

administration thinks him the sharpest

of edged tools.

Since rumors got out about the Bank

of England there is not a good digestion

in her majesty's empire.

BREAKFAST BUDGET.

A friend who travels a great deal, and

often stops at hotels where folding beds

are used, carries a strong nickle chain,

like those used in hanging window

weights, in his valise, and at either end

there is a good stout screw eye. The

chain is about six feet long, and takes

up scarcely any room. When he strikes

a hotel with folding beds he lets the

bed down, screws one of the screw eyes

in the floor on one side of the bed at

the foot, carries the chain over the

frame and under the mattress to the

other side, draws the chain taut, and

sinks the other screw eye in the floor.

The Hillsborough mills, N. Symonds,

treasurer and agent, Wilton, N. H.,

manufacturers of carpet yarns and bed

and horse blankets, operate fourteen

sets of woolen cards, eight combs, 5,000

worsted spindles and twenty-one looms.